# **CBI Toxicology – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### 1. Why is CBI able to offer no cost Toxicology services at this time?

• Colorado legislators agreed to fund the cost of toxicology, thereby allowing the CBI to eliminate the fee we previously charged.

## 2. Who is eligible to submit to CBI for the no cost Toxicology services?

- Law Enforcement Agencies: DUI/DUID, DFSA investigations, and other criminal investigations.
- Coroner/Medical Examiners: Medicolegal death investigations.
- CBI toxicology cannot accept parole/probation, defense testing, and workplace drug samples at this time.

## 3. When can we start submitting to CBI for no cost Toxicology services?

- If the offense date is July 1, 2019 @ 0000 hours and later, toxicology testing will be performed at no cost.
- If the offense date is June 30, 2019 @1159 hours and earlier, toxicology testing will be performed at cost. Existing customers will be billed accordingly. New customers will have to set up billing if cases are submitted with offense dates before July 1, 2019.
- Existing and new customers will not be required to sign a contract with CBI for toxicology testing. Signing up with CBI is also not necessary. Simply submitting the evidence with the appropriate toxicology Request for Laboratory Examination (RFLE) is sufficient.

## 4. What is going to be tested in these DUI/DUID investigations?

• As of July 1, 2019, all submitted cases will have a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC)/Volatiles analysis, and a 14 panel Drugs of Abuse (DOA) screen. Submitted cases will also be analyzed for confirmations based on the 14 panel DOA screen. The laboratory can perform other screens and confirmations based on the case history, the results of the BAC and DOA analysis, and/or the toxicologist's expert opinion.

## 5. What type of blood collection kits are needed?

- Blood collection kits that comply with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Rules and Regulations and contain the CBI toxicology RFLE are being sold by TriTech Forensics. Please see below for TriTech Forensics ordering information and if unsure of which catalog number to order, please contact a CBI laboratory.
- Postmortem casework will require the Medical Examiner/Coroner to utilize their own toxicology collection supplies according to the submission guidelines posted on CBI's website.
- TriTech Forensics, 800-438-7884
  - Catalog numbers: BA-0CO-D for Denver Laboratory mailing address
     BA-0CO-W for Grand Junction Laboratory mailing address
     BA-0CO-P for Pueblo Laboratory mailing address
  - Kit pricing (as of 060619): Case of 25 for \$123.50 (\$4.94 each) or a case of 10 for \$54.00 (\$5.40 each).
  - TriTech Forensics are not able to ship kits until about July 15. While supplies last, kits are available from CBI at no cost to help bridge this time delay.

#### 6. Our agency still has non-CBI, non-expired blood collection kits, can we use them?

 Yes. Please continue to use non-expired ChemaTox blood collection kits until your agency can arrange to purchase the appropriate CBI blood collection kits with TriTech Forensics.

#### 7. How are the blood collection kits submitted to CBI?

• Blood collections kit can be delivered by USPS, overnight courier (UPS, FedEx, etc) or in person to one of the five CBI laboratories (Denver, Grand Junction, Pueblo, Boulder, and Greeley). Evidence submission receipts are sent via e-mail when submitted by mail or overnight courier.

#### 8. What is CBI's turn-around-time?

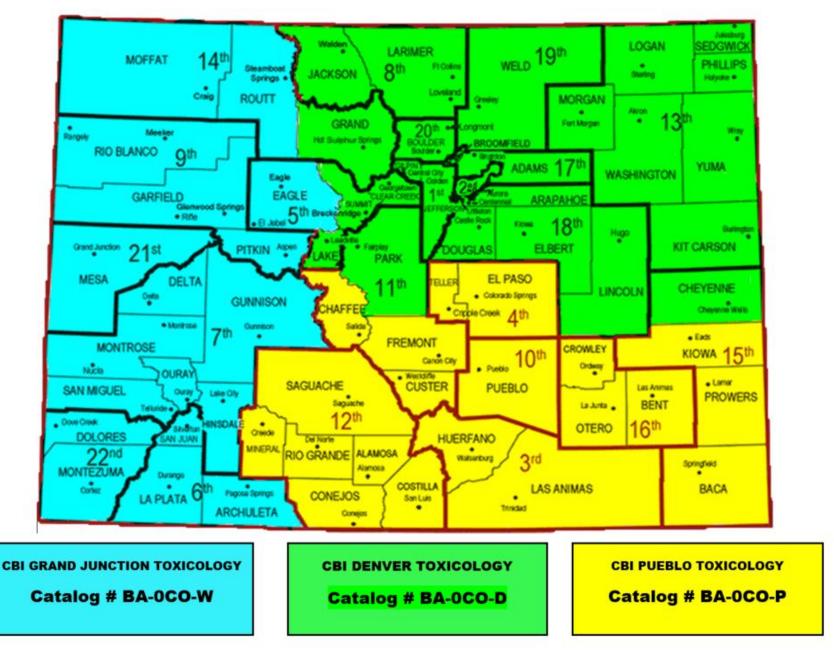
• CBI Toxicology has maintained an average turn-around-time of 26 days. Please note this is an average turn-around time that represents all case work. Our goal turn-around-time is a 4-6 weeks for all cases. However, with more agencies requesting CBI's services, the turn-around-time may increase over time.

## 9. Are we able to speak directly to the Toxicologists?

• Yes, if you ever have a question regarding the status of a case or the results of a case you can contact the CBI laboratory directly and discuss the case with any Toxicologist. Email is also an option.

### 10. How are the laboratory reports distributed?

Unless part of the CBI Forensics Web Portal, reports will be emailed to the person listed on the request form. If the
customer prefers to have the report emailed to a central location, that email address will have to be provided to CBI.



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